**Worksheet: Restrictive and Non-Restictive Clauses Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Restrictive Noun Clauses: A noun in the first sentence is very general and NEEDS to be identified by the information in the next sentence. Use who, that, which, where and add the necessary information right after the noun in the first sentence which NEEDs that extra information.

Example: The bird that is sitting on the top of that tree is a bluebird. (Which bird?We need more information to tell us exactly which bird.)

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Non-Restrictive Noun Clauses: A noun in the first sentence is so specific, we know exactly who, what or where this is. We want to add some more details about it though, so we put a comma after the noun and add the information from the second sentence and then we add another comma and then we finish the sentence. Example: Mr. Jones, who likes my dog, decided to get a dog of his own. (We know that it is Mr. Jones, so we don’t need the extra information to identify him. It is interesting information and we want to add it, so we put commas before and after it. )

***A. Use a restrictive relative clause to combine each pair of sentences.***

1. Mario got an A on the report. He turned it in last week.

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2. The woman is wearing a green hat. She is the queen.

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3. The boy is my nephew. His shirt is stained.

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**4** Which of the following sentences contains a restrictive relative clause?

**A**  He showed me where the birds nested, which was very kind of him.

**B** This is a journey that begins in the Arctic and ends near the Antarctic.

**C** The cabin, which my father bought years ago, is right at the top of the mountain.

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**5** In which of the following sentences is there a nonrestrictive relative clause?

**A** Then we moved to London, and that’s the city which you were born in.

**B** It was the pet which I loved the most of all the pets that I’ve had in my life.

**C** She had never met her father, who had left them before she was born.

***Use a nonrestrictive relative clause to combine each pair of sentences.***

6. Cheryl takes photos of wildlife. She is a retired teacher.

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7. Male and female emperor penguins care for their chicks together. They are similar in size.

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3. Phil Jackson is a bird expert at the museum. His mother is my neighbor.

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**1. Decide if it is :**

---Restrictive (information that is important to identifying the noun)

-- Non-Restrictive (information that is extra) --- this is the one that gets the commas!

**2. Add commas where needed.**

1. Charles Dickens who was great writer in the late 19th Century is the author of Great Expectations.

2. The piece of chocolate cake which probably has a million calories in it was delicious.

3. My favorite place to ski is Northstar in Tahoe which is one of the least crowded resorts.

4. The guy that my old roommate married is boring.

5. He reads and studies maps for fun which is no exaggeration.

6. I love the weather which has been so nice lately in Fremont.

7. My graduation from Arizona State University this August which I am excited about has been hard earned.

8. I am jealous of the guy in my neighborhood who drives a hot 1969 Chevy Camaro.

9. ESL Reading and Writing which is my favorite class this semester meets on Tuesday nights.

10. I had the answer that made the most sense.